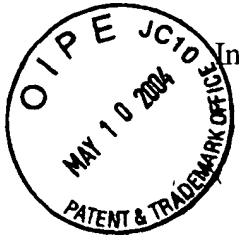


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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37

C.F.R. § 1.136(A) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

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